Almighty and Eternal heavenly Father from whom no secrets are hidden, humbly we come before thee. Thou art the author of all good gifts; thou art the creator and sustainer of life itself; thou art present in the wind and rain - and in the still, small voice of calm; thou knowest the innermost recesses of our hearts; thou hearest our words even before they are on our lips. For thy power and majesty we praise thee O Lord. For thine infinite wisdom we bow before thee. But at this time, our Father, we call upon thy name with the figure of a dying savior foremost before our eyes. We humbly thank thee, O Lord, for all thy tender mercies towards us. - But especially we are grateful for thine infinite love, expressed in the life, death and resurrection of thy son, our Lord Jesus Christ. O God, as we draw near to his cross, as we feel his imminent suffering we pray that thou would'st give us minds to understand and hearts to respond. Break through the veneers we construct about us, O Lord. Invade the privacy of our lives with the tragedy and the joy that was the crucifixion. Open our eyes and ears that we may hear & see; and having seen and heard - more completely love and serve thee.

Hear us now our Father as we individually and silently offer our prayers of thanksgiving, confession and petition before thee. ↓ ↓

O Lord, we rejoice in this opportunity to worship together. We rejoice in the assurance that thou hast heard our prayers. We rejoice in thy love that surrounds us even now, and assures us of our salvation.

All this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and all praise, world without end.

Amen